

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

The undersigned acknowledges with appreciation courtesies extended in the telephone conference of today, where it was agreed that amending the claims to clarify that the filter head is not part of the filter would overcome the prior art rejection as most recently stated. The independent claims have now been amended to recite the filter head as being separate from the filter, and to clarify that “the same” as used in claim 1 is not saying that the filter head cavity and the filter share the same cavity, but rather that the cavity of the filter head and the first cavity of the filter are the same as one another. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection is now overcome, and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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